

Convention Center Update February 1, 2010

Construction Update

- Anticipated completion date –
 November 2010
 - Schedule slippage due to:
 - ➤ Record rainfall in Oct/Nov
 - ➤ Parking deck topping slab, waterproofing for occupied space
- Construction remains within budget



Currently Installing

- Drywall
- Electric/Data Cables other wiring
- HVAC
- Final masonry/Brick
- Exhibit Hall ramp



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- Expansion on schedule with remainder of building
- Parking equipment recommendation to Council on February 16
- All LEED credits applied for to date have been awarded – remainder to be reviewed after building opens



Interior Update

- Begin discussions of FF&E purchases
 - Tables, chairs, lifts, facility equipment, telephone systems, network services, A/V services and equipment, information areas and screens
- Arts committee zeroing in on recommendations



Other Updates

- Convention Center Advisory
 Committee should be appointed mid-to-late summer
- General Manger (S. Eaton) on site
- Additional staff added as completion of construction nears



Northern Riverfront Update

- Riverwalk at Convention Center ready for pricing within 2 weeks
- Nutt Street improvements from Red Cross to Brunswick bid in February or March
- Both to be completed in conjunction with Convention Center opening



Other considerations

- Staff reviewing possibility of roof top solar power system
 - No cost to City
 - Power generated goes to Progress Energy
 - Roof leased by local company
 - Lease would require Council approval
 - All warranties for room remain valid



Marketing

- Convention Center marketing
 - Susan Eaton, General Manager

